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VIA COURIER

Scott E. Thomas
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Re: MUR 4736 – John and Ruth Stauffer

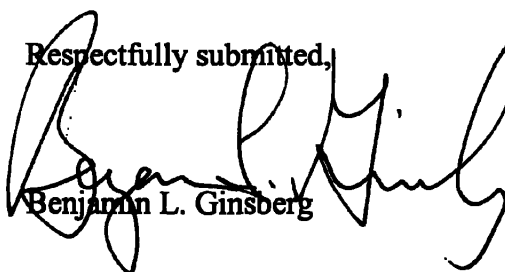
Dear Chairman Thomas:

As counsel to John and Ruth Stauffer in the above-captioned matter, this is a formal request for an extension of time to respond to the reason to believe finding received by my office on August 5, 1999. Accordingly, the initial 15-day period would expire on August 20. We request a 30-day extension until September 20, 1999 to respond.

This extension is needed because of preparing an appropriate response in a time of the year when it is difficult to find all the necessary individuals. In addition, as the Office of General Counsel knows, I face an extremely crowded calendar in the next few weeks. Accordingly, I also respectfully request the extension in order to prepare a complete response.

For the above-cited reasons, Respondents request an extension until September 20, 1999 to respond to the Factual and Legal Analysis.

Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin L. Ginsberg